THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) No Sir. Special Central Assistance (SCA) under Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) is allocated to Designated Hill Areas and no area of Andhra Pradesh is covered under HADP.

Non-Implementation of Central Development Projects in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

2000. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests for an enquiry into the reasons for non-implementation of Central Developmental Projects in Tamil Nadu have been received.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar projects are not being implemented in Andhra Pradesh also;

(d) whether Government propose to take action to ensure timely implementation of these projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No Sir. No reqeust for an enquiry into the reasons for non-implementation of central projects in Tamil Nadu has been received in the Department of Programme Implementation.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) As on 31.12.1996, excluding multi-state projects passing through the State, there were 16 central sector developmental projects under implementation in Tamil Nadu with total anticipated cost of Rs. 6424.9 crores and 36 developmental projects under implementation in Andhra Pradesh with total anticipated cost of Rs. 5381.2 crore.

(d) and (e) Measures are taken from time to time for reducing time and cost overruns. A list of such measures is at Statement.

Statement

Steps taken by the Government to streamline for preparing the original Estimates and Implementation of Projects for Reducing Overrun.

(i) Two-stage project approval.

(ii) On. line computerised monitoring system is being implemented.

(iii) Intensive monitoring of projects at various levels to identify constraints and the remedial measures.

(iv) Formation of Empowered Committees with adequate financial powers.

(v) Review by the Committee of Secretaries of the specific projects facing constraints.

(vi) Setting up of projects management team with tenure co-terminus with the gestation period of the project.

(vii) Improving contract management system.

(viii) Delegation of powers to field level executives.

Scs/Sts below the Poverty Line in Gujarat

2001. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the estimated population belonging to SCs and STs, living below the poverty line.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government to improve their lot?